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Texas GLO Posts Amendment 11 to Hurricane Harvey State Action Plan for Public Comment

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AUSTIN — Today the Texas General Land Office (GLO) posted Amendment 11 to the State Action Plan for \$5.676 billion in Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) for a federally required 30-day public comment period. Action Plan Amendment 11 is available for review at https://recovery.texas.gov/public-notices/index.html.

Amendment 11 maintains the \$1.2 billion in CDBG-DR funds to continue to address unmet recovery needs within the City of Houston. Amendment 11 reallocates \$140,930,253 in unused funds from the City of Houston administered disaster recovery programs to the City of Houston Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP) administered by the GLO. The unused funds are being reallocated from the City of Houston's disaster recovery programs that failed to meet program contract benchmarks. The reallocated funds will be used to help rebuild homes for additional Houston homeowners through the GLO administered City of Houston Homeowner Assistance Program. Nearly 90% of the homeowners served in the GLO's City of Houston Homeowner Assistance Program have income of 80% or less of area medium income (AMI) as defined by Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Nearly two thirds of the Houston homeowner's served by the GLO's program make 30% or less of the area medium income. In Houston, this would be a family of four making \$26,600 or less (HAP uses 2021 income limits). Additionally, 64% of the homeowners served identified as Black/African American and 25% identified as Hispanic/Latino. Additionally, about 87% of approved homeowners are female head of households and at least 72% are aged 65 or older. The GLO's Houston HAP demographics are updated monthly and available online.

The amendment includes the following changes:

- City of Houston administered disaster recovery program total reduced to \$694,157,590
- Homeowner Assistance Program (HoAP) reduced to \$69,188,511
- Multifamily Rental Program reduced to \$400,855,752

- Small Rental Program reduced to \$12,943,423
- Homebuyer Assistance Program reduced to \$18,381,000
- Public Service reduced to \$20,000,000
- Economic Revitalization Program reduced to \$18,888,904
- State administered disaster recovery program increased to \$4,064,897,426
- City of Houston Homeowner Assistance Program increased to \$565,601,475

All comments should be submitted to cdr@recovery.texas.gov by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, to be considered. Per federal requirements, the GLO must respond to public comments before the amendment can be sent to HUD for its 45-day final approval.